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[For further information, the web site for Times Microwave Systems is
<http://www.timesmicrowave.com/>. --Jim]

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To: jimr@maia.usno.navy.mil
From: Dave Stowers
Subject: more cable info

Hi Jim,

While I can't recommend a particular vendor's product, I should be able to share our experience with one which I suggested UNAVCO have a look at quite some time ago (perhaps that's how that vendor ended up on Ed's list):

>From a price/performance standpoint I've been pretty pleased with the LMR-400 (commercial, not military) product from Times Microwave (esp. vs. RG-214...price, loss, stability, flexibility). The connectors are field installable and the jacket and closed cell foam dielectric seem to be holding up (and the cable doesn't need a pressurized/monitored nitrogen feed to keep moisture out...have had a bit of experience w/ that variety as well).

We've had a 10-cable, several hundred foot run exposed (outside) for a few years without problems thus far. It was initially used with a GPS timing receiver, which was part of the reason that low delay Tc was one of my criteria in choosing this cable.

We supplied HRAO with LMR-400 for use on a long RX<->ANT run which has been in use for quite some time as well (more than a few months).

The interesting numbers are at the vendor's web page. We haven't independently tested the cable for delay Tc, but the F&T guys up the hill may be able to do it. They're using a 200+ foot pair for TWTT signals, so there is some interest in performing the test... it's only a matter of time :-)
I'll let you know the results if they do.

Cheers,

-dave

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